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'THE PRIDE'**Victory Gardens Theater**

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GETTY IMAGES

REDEYE TIP OF THE DAYTickets go on sale Thursday for the August 9 Glamorama benefit featuring Sheryl Crow: macy's.com/glamorama.

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DEADLY COLLAPSE

AT LEAST 6 KILLED, 13 INJURED WHEN BUILDING FALLS ONTO STORE

Reuters

PHILADELPHIA Six people were killed and 13 others injured Wednesday when a building collapsed in downtown Philadelphia, Mayor Michael Nutter said.

Search and rescue efforts continued into the night for more victims of the collapse, which occurred around 10:45 a.m. when a four-story building under demolition fell onto a neighboring two-story Salvation Army Thrift Store.

"We still do not know how many people were inside the thrift store or possibly on the sidewalk" at the time of the collapse, Nutter said at a news conference.

Authorities say the cause of the collapse, which occurred at 22nd and Market streets in the heart of Philadelphia's Center City, was under investigation.

A witness told Reuters the building collapse shook the ground and knocked a man off his feet on the sidewalk outside the thrift store.

"It was ground-shaking. The shaking of the ground made the man fall down," said Jordan



McLaughlin, 18, of Philadelphia.

Police urged the public to stay away from the area while rescuers dug through the rubble.

One witness, Dan Gillis, 31, a construction worker on a job across the street, said he saw a crane remove a supporting beam from the front of the building, and then the wall next to the thrift store started swaying.

Another witness, Jeffrey Fehnel, 48, said that at about the same time, a backhoe hit the rear side of the building.

"The building came down. It was like a big blast," Fehnel told Reuters.

Authorities said the building that was being demolished had housed an X-rated book and video store. They said it was owned by Richard Basciano, a well-known owner of adult entertainment properties including Philadelphia's last X-rated movie house, which closed in 2012, and a New York Times Square pornography emporium known as Show World, which closed in 2004.

Basciano did not immediately respond to a



call seeking comment.

Jordan McLaughlin, 18, a student at Science Leadership Academy who was on his way to a dental appointment, said he watched in shock as the building collapsed. He dropped his book bag on the sidewalk and ran into the collapsed store.

"I have never seen anything like this," he said. "It was crazy. Why would they do that construction next to a building with people inside it?"

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER CONTRIBUTED

We're rewriting rules of adulthood



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Near the end of a recent first date, my dinner companion's light banter suddenly turned into a series of probing questions about my living situation and finances that teetered somewhere between job interview and a Guantanamo Bay prison interrogation.

"Yep, I have a roommate. Yes, I'm a freelance writer," I stammered while wiping a bead of sweat off my brow and blinking into the harsh light of the Italian restaurant.

She didn't say anything, but the Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson-style raised eyebrow I got in return spoke volumes about what she thought about the idea of being over 30 without a regular salaried job or a place of my own. Meanwhile, my longtime friend opted to leave our spacious apartment for the cramped confines of a more expensive studio because living alone is "what you're supposed to do," he said.

It strikes me that while our economy fundamentally changed over the past half-decade and made life much tougher for us, our generation's own expectations of financial and personal independence haven't necessarily followed suit. Our benchmarks for adulthood sometimes feel frozen in amber from our parents' time, when it was supposed to be something like this for the middle class: Go to college and graduate in four years. Land a full-time job with benefits by age 23. Get your own place. Climb the advancement ladder. Be married by 28. Buy a house by 30. I have 2.2

kids. Move to the suburbs. Retire by 55. Die. Rinse and repeat.

Our own lives often look a lot closer to this: Attend college, but maybe some community college first, and graduate when you can. Land something that pays a living wage and, if not, go to grad school or move back home for awhile. Rent in the city and live with roommates until you can afford your own place. Get married? Maybe. Kids? Possibly. Retirement? Shut the hell up.

Others see this lifestyle as irrefutable evidence of our arrested development.

"Millennials are self-absorbed slackers too busy texting their friends and Instagramming their meals to get a job," claim the chattering classes in the national media. "At your age, I had my own house and a \$100,000 life insurance policy," says your dad over the phone. "I'm looking for someone with more ambition," says your date, who uses ambition as a code word for material wealth.

But the truth is, it's not an ambition problem but a lack of real opportunities. We've been dealt a terrible economic hand with no real end in sight. Good jobs are scarce, and if we want to even be considered for decent employment, we have to take out ever-ballooning loans to afford higher education. Meanwhile, the cost of rent, health care, food and other expenses keep rising.

In these unfortunate conditions, few of us are going to measure up if we play the previous generation's rat race. Sure, let's keep striving for more, but let's also alter our expectations about what it means to be an adult to ones that fit our time and place. Otherwise we're going to drive each other—and ourselves—totally crazy.

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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TUMBLR THURSDAY

You know the drill by now—if you're not following these Tumblrrs already, you should be. Have a suggestion for a Tumblr to feature? Send a tweet to [@jessicagalliard](https://twitter.com/jessicagalliard). —JESSICA GALLIARD, REDEYE'S SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

Laid off from the Sun-Times

laidofffromthesuntimes.tumblr.com

Photographer Rob Hart, recently laid off from the Chicago Sun-Times along with the rest of the photography staff, is documenting his new life of unemployment with an iPhone, which Sun-Times journalists reportedly are being instructed to use during their reporting now that the photo staff is gone. Eye-opening, with a strong hint of sarcasm.



Famous Album Covers Recreated with My Socks

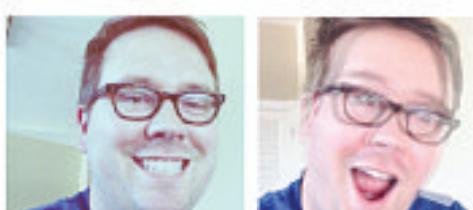
thesockcovers.tumblr.com

I think the Vampire Weekend "Contra" cover is my favorite, for some reason. (Hot tip: @CHIRPRadio on Twitter!)

Emo Lefties

emolefties.tumblr.com

Unproven theory: Lefties are just way too sensitive, man. This Tumblr seeks to prove said theory with examples of famous left-handed folks being a little too emo in public.



Stilly: the GIF camera app for Tumblr

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ODDS & ENDS

» The City Council passed Emanuel-backed bicycling regulation changes that will give cyclists more leeway while riding in the city, while increasing fines for riders and drivers who violate certain rules of the road. Fines for riders who violate traffic laws will at least double—to a minimum of \$50 and maximum of \$200—from a previous fixed amount of \$25. At the same time, drivers and passengers who “door” a cyclist—causing an accident by opening a door in the path of the bike—will face a \$1,000 fine, twice the previous \$500. Fines for leaving a vehicle door open in traffic also will double, to \$300.



» Ald. Joe Moore (49th) introduced a resolution urging Tribune Co. to sell its newspapers to local investors in the cities

where they are located. In a news release, Moore noted reports that the billionaire Koch brothers are exploring the possibility of buying papers owned by Tribune Co., which owns the Chicago Tribune and RedEye.



» Ald. Howard Brookins Jr. (21st, above) introduced an ordinance to allow adults who toss litter out the window of vehicles to be fined \$1,500 and have their cars impounded. The proposal would raise the fines for anyone throwing trash out the window of a stationary or moving vehicle to \$1,500 from a current range of \$50 to \$200. In cases where the litterer is 16 or older, the car would be impounded. Recovering impounded vehicles requires the payment of hefty towing and recovery fees.

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PARKING THEATER

M-RAHM'S TWEAK TO METER PLAN GETS THE OK AFTER LENGTHY DEBATE

Chicago Tribune

The City Council on Wednesday approved Mayor Emanuel's controversial plan to change the terms of the city's parking meter lease despite questions about the deal's financial impact and fear of giving Chicago Parking Meters LLC another windfall.

After lengthy debate, the council voted 39-11 in favor after the mayor's aides spent the morning talking to aldermen trying to tamp down the number of votes against the mayor's plan. Although there were more opposition votes than typical during Emanuel's two years in office, the number fell short of the 14 “no” votes logged in April 2012, when the council approved the mayor's plan to set up speed cameras near schools and parks.

Ald. Robert Fioretti (2nd) contended aldermen don't have enough information about the finances of the new meter plan. He asked his colleagues to remember the bad parking meter deal they passed under then-Mayor Richard M. Daley with too little information a few years ago.

“Do any of us remember 2008? Did we not learn anything?” Fioretti asked.

Fioretti wondered whether by agreeing to these changes, the city would preclude itself from possibly tearing up the meter contract entirely in the future, though that would be difficult given that nearly all of the upfront money the city got already has been spent.

“Some lemons shouldn't be made into lemonade,” Fioretti said, a reference to Emanuel's oft-repeated defense of his proposed change. “Some lemons should be returned to the store for a refund.”

But Ald. Jason Ervin (28th) said it's shortsighted for aldermen wary of the free Sundays clause to turn down a chance to reduce the true-up money owed to CPM.

“That's tantamount to tripping over \$100 bills to pick up nickels,” Ervin said.



Mayor Emanuel listens to aldermen debate the parking meter ordinance.

NANCY STONE/Tribune

After the vote, Emanuel reiterated his oft-repeated refrain that “it's still a bad deal, and you can't fix it. It's that bad.”

But he said the lowering of penalty payments would benefit the city for generations to come. “This is the right thing to do for the next 71 years,” Emanuel said.

The vote came after Maria Guerra, the mayor's chief council lobbyist, worked through the morning to convince aldermen to back the measure, even though it was clear days ago that Emanuel had a clear majority of aldermen backing his changes.

There were more “no votes” than when the original deal was approved 40-5 in late 2008 under Daley.

That deal gave Chicago Parking Meters LLC the right to collect all revenue from the meters for 75 years in exchange for an upfront cash payment to the city of \$1.15 billion—all but \$125 million of which was spent by the time Emanuel took office in mid-2011.

It also led to soaring meter rates and city payments of tens of millions of dollars for more unpaid parking by people with disabled placards and loss of revenue due to the city

taking meters out of service.

Under Emanuel's changes, the city reduced its payment for meters out of service during the past two years to \$8.9 million from about \$50 million. The meter company also agreed to change the way it calculates meters out of service, which the mayor's top lieutenants say will reduce penalty payments by \$1 billion during the remaining 71 years of the lease.

The more controversial part of the mayor's changes involved the trade-off of free Sunday parking outside the central business district for longer hours at all metered spaces that require payment until 9 p.m. In most areas, those hours will be extended to 10 p.m. In River North, Streeterville and parts of the Gold Coast, hours will be extended until 12 a.m.

Opposition aldermen led by Ald. Brendan Reilly, whose 42nd Ward will be hardest hit by the extended hours, questioned whether the longer hours would result in a financial windfall for the meter company. The mayor's top lieutenants said it's a break-even proposition for the company.

At least nine aldermen and as many as 15



Council OKs more Cubs night games

Chicago Tribune

The Cubs got the go-ahead Wednesday to add as many as 16 night games plus schedule later Friday afternoon games and concerts at Wrigley Field in a deal Mayor Emanuel called "an honest compromise" a day after team officials complained that it unfairly constrained them.

The increase in night games is one part of a massive "framework" the mayor, Ald. Tom Tunney (44th) and Cubs CEO Tom Ricketts announced in April for the team to renovate the aging, historic stadium and pay for it in part through expanded advertising. A hotel across the street also is part of the development.

Under an ordinance the Chicago City Council passed without debate, the Cubs will be able to schedule 35 night games outright starting next season, a number that could increase to 46 per year if Major League Baseball wants them to play more at night as part of a national TV contract. That's up from a limit of 30 night games in place since 2004.

This season, the team will be allowed to move the first pitch of six Friday games to 3:05 p.m. from 1:20 p.m., a change residents of the congested neighborhood around the ballpark say will lead to traffic chaos as fans hit the streets at rush hour.

Cubs representatives said Tuesday that parts of the night game deal were not what they agreed to under the broader framework, including clauses allowing the city say over rescheduling rainouts, limiting the number of Friday or Saturday night games at two per year and taking night games away if Ricketts schedules too many concerts or other "nonbaseball events."

On Wednesday, the mayor defended the final version.

"That's different than when you bought the team and knew what existed," Emanuel said. "And so, it may not be exactly what you want, but that's what an honest compromise is, and we're going to continue to make progress for them on a whole host of other issues in implementing the framework."

are expected to quickly seek further changes that would allow them to restore paid Sunday parking in commercial districts within their wards. Business owners have told them that they need paid parking on Sundays to ensure turnover of spaces so their customers can more easily find street parking.

The changes also include the option to use a cellphone app to feed the meters. That comes with a fee of 35 cents for any purchase of less than two hours and the requirement to keep a minimum of \$10 in an account on which the company can draw interest.

A Tribune analysis found that even if the mayor's changes save money as projected by his top lieutenants, taxpayers and meter users still could end up paying the company \$517 million in today's dollars during the remainder of the lease for meters out of service because of city actions, excessive use of disabled placards that allow free parking, and the pay-by-cell program.

That number, however, likely would be reduced by the restoration of paid Sunday parking in the commercial areas. That could save tens of millions of dollars over the long run.

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Mayor Emanuel, who released his tax returns Tuesday for the first time as mayor, reported earning more than \$409,000 in 2012.



The Bombardier factory in Plattsburgh, NY, manufactures the 5000 series rail cars for the CTA. NANCYSTONE/TRIBUNE FILE

Weld, weld, weld ...

Delivery of new CTA cars resumes after quality problem is discovered

Chicago Tribune

Delivery of the CTA's new rail cars was suspended for the past month because of another quality-control problem at the Bombardier Transportation manufacturing plant in upstate New York, the Tribune has learned.

The stoppage on May 3 followed a halt to production of the 5000 Series rail cars for about five months in late 2011 and early 2012 after CTA inspectors found defective steel parts in the truck assembly that contains the wheels, the Tribune reported last year. The problems with the journal bearing housing parts were traced to a foundry in China that was a Bombardier subcontractor.

The new issue concerns missing welds on brackets along the four corners in the interior of the rail car frame, CTA officials said. The welding irregularities were discovered by

Bombardier employees last month, the officials said.

The assembly mistakes did not compromise the safety of the cars, according to CTA and Bombardier officials as well as a consultant the CTA hired to conduct testing.

An agreement recently was reached on a plan to remedy the production errors; deliveries of two cars resumed Wednesday and four more cars were scheduled to be shipped Thursday, Bombardier said. Regular shipments will total 20 cars per month, officials said.

Deliveries were stopped for a month because it took that long to agree on a repair that was acceptable to the transit agency, CTA officials said.

The rail car frame and corner collision posts maintain the structural integrity of the car, both in normal operation and in the event of a crash, officials said.

CTA officials said incomplete welds were found in 240 of the 250 rail cars delivered to Chicago and in operation on the Green, Pink

THE FULL DEAL

The CTA is paying Bombardier \$1.14 billion to produce 706 rail cars, with delivery set for completion late next year. The CTA is "disappointed that this issue has occurred," CTA spokesman Brian Steele said. "This particular work was not completed to the high standards that we require, nor for which we've paid. The design specifications clearly spell out the need for this weld."

and Red lines.

Eight of the 10 cars that didn't have the assembly flaws were prototypes that Bombardier sent to the CTA for testing before the transit agency gave approval to start the production line two years ago, officials said.

The 240 other cars will continue in service until fixes are made, starting this weekend and running through approximately October, because passenger safety is not threatened by the missing welds, the CTA and its engineering consultant on the 5000 Series procurement, Parsons Brinckerhoff, determined.

Groupon offered in honor of dead cyclist

By Mick Swasko | REDEYE

It's not the typical Groupon.

In honor of employee and Chicago resident Bobby Cann—who was killed by a driver May 29 as he biked home from work—the daily deals site is offering users a chance to donate to the Active Transportation Alliance in hopes of bringing more protected bike lanes to Chicago. More than 1,000 \$10 Groupons that go directly to the Alliance's Neighborhood Bikeways Campaign had been purchased as of Wednesday evening, with seven days left on the deal.

The Groupon description notes that Cann, 26, of Lakeview, started as a writer for the company, later earning the title of Editorial Tools Specialist after learning to code.

The Neighborhood Bikeways Campaign "aims to equip Chicago and its residents with a 100-mile network of protected bike lanes by 2015."

Park Ridge resident Ryne San Hamel has been charged with reckless homicide, felony aggravated driving under the influence involving a death, and other misdemeanor charges in relation to the crash.

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EXPRESS LINES

» Police are asking for the public's help in finding a 12-year-old girl who went missing Monday in Marquette Park. Monique Crawford was last seen on the 6600 block of South Richmond Street.

» A human leg was discovered Wednesday lying on the rocks of Lake Michigan near Kenwood, officials said.

» A 9-year-old boy and at least six other people were wounded and two killed in separate attacks Wednesday, officials said, citing preliminary information. TRIBUNE

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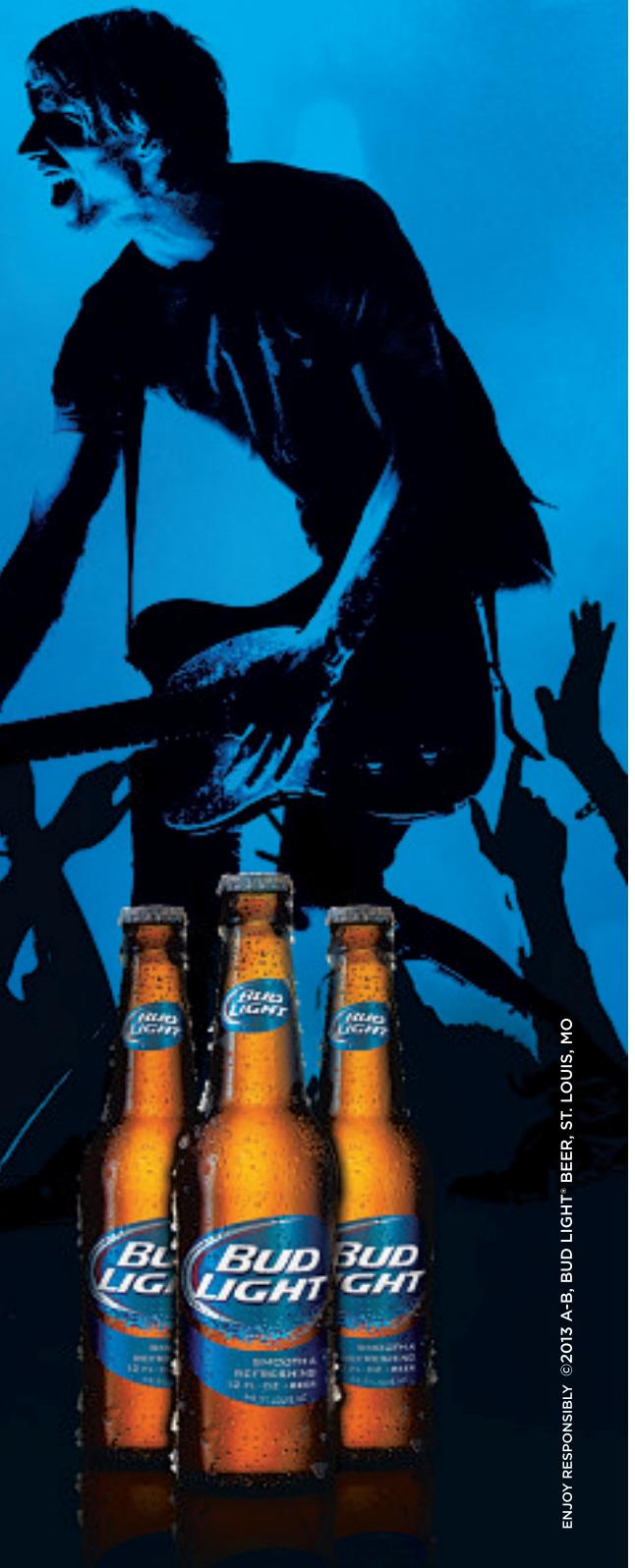
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Homicides from May 29 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

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CHICAGO VIOLENCE

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Auburn Gresham
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a RedEye analysis of
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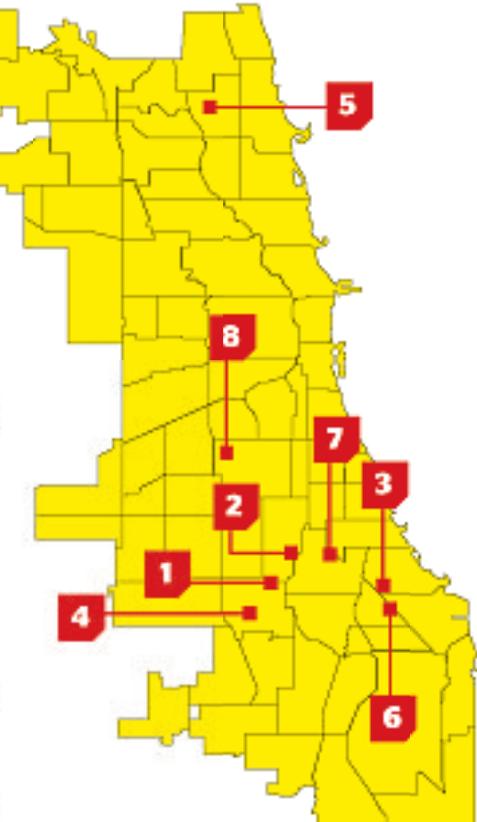
On May 30, a
15-year-old boy was
shot to death in the
1700 block of West
85th Street, police

said. One day earlier, a 36-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7500 block of South Carpenter Street, according to officials.

Auburn Gresham has logged eight homicides so far this year. The South Side community area recorded 16 homicides last year, RedEye determined.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were logged in the last week in Avalon Park, Greater Grand Crossing, Englewood, New City and South Shore, according to RedEye data.

Meanwhile, a 5-month-old boy was fatally stabbed May 30 in the 5200 block of North



Lincoln Avenue in Lincoln Square, police said.

May ended Friday with 44 homicides, down from 51 homicides in May 2012. Two homicides have been logged so far in June. Forty-seven homicides were recorded in June 2012, RedEye found.

1 7500 BLOCK OF S. CARPENTER ST.
Date: May 29 Cause: Gunshot

2 7000 BLOCK OF S. NORMAL AVE.
Date: May 29 Cause: Gunshot

3 1600 BLOCK OF E. 79TH ST.
Date: May 29 Cause: Gunshot

4 1700 BLOCK OF W. 85TH ST.
Date: May 30 Cause: Gunshot

5 5200 BLOCK OF N. LINCOLN AVE.
Date: May 30 Cause: Stabbing

6 8400 BLOCK OF S. CONSTANCE AVE.
Date: May 31 Cause: Gunshot

7 6800 BLOCK OF S. KING DRIVE
Date: June 3 Cause: Gunshot

8 4300 BLOCK OF S. OAKLEY AVE.
Date: June 4 Cause: Gunshot

MORE ONLINE Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at redeyechicago.com/homicides, which now includes information on every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2007.

Chicago high schoolers meet Obamas

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON Students from West Englewood's Harper High School visiting the White House on Wednesday not only met with the first lady—as had been announced in advance—but visited the president in the Oval Office.

That news came late Wednesday from the first lady's chief of staff, fellow Chicagoan Tina Tchen, who said: "Students also had the opportunity to talk with the president in the Oval Office, where he showed them the origi-

nal Emancipation Proclamation that hangs there."

Michelle Obama, who has made gun violence a top cause, paid an emotional visit to Harper High in April, weeping during a private meeting with 22 students as they told her how they had been traumatized by guns. For two hours, she heard story after story about students dodging bullets, avoiding gangs and trying to stay alive. One teen participant said later that every one of the students in the session had been affected by violence.

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Obama picks Rice as security adviser

WASHINGTON President Obama chose close confidante Susan Rice as his new national security adviser Wednesday, increasing White House control over foreign policy and defying Republican critics of her handling of last year's deadly attack on a U.S. compound in Libya.

The hard-charging Rice, selected to replace low-key Tom Donilon in the post, is expected to play a high-profile role in defending Obama's foreign policy, particularly on the civil war in Syria. Obama has come under fire for his cautious approach in response to mounting evidence that President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against rebels seeking to oust him.

Obama will nominate Samantha Power—a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, former White House aide and Harvard professor—to replace Rice as U.S. ambassador to the U.N., White House officials said.

Obama had been expected to pick Rice, 48, as national security adviser since she withdrew

last December from consideration to replace Hillary Clinton as secretary of state amid the criticism by Republicans about Benghazi. She had been Obama's first choice to replace Clinton. The job instead went to John Kerry.

Obama will avoid a congressional fight, though, because the post does not require Senate confirmation. Rice will replace Donilon in July as the official who coordinates U.S. foreign policy from the White House.

Republicans accuse Rice of playing down the Benghazi incident for political purposes by initially describing it on Sunday TV news shows as the result of a spontaneous protest, rather than a terrorist attack.

White House spokesman Jay Carney defended Rice.

"Ambassador Rice went out to the Sunday shows and conveyed what was the intelligence community's best assessment of what had happened in Benghazi at the time," Carney told a briefing.



Protesters clash with police Wednesday in Istanbul as part of ongoing demonstrations against the ruling party, police brutality and the destruction of Taksim park for a development project.
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Paris Jackson hospitalized

Paris Jackson, the 15-year-old daughter of Michael Jackson, was rushed to a hospital Wednesday after an apparent suicide attempt at her Calabasas, Calif., home, her mother, Debbie Rowe, told "Entertainment Tonight."

Court lifts pill restrictions

A U.S. appeals court said Wednesday that some emergency contraception pills now can be sold over the counter without age restrictions while the feds fights a lower court judge's order allowing unrestricted sales.

Soldier pleads guilty

A U.S. Army sergeant accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians in cold blood last year pleaded guilty Wednesday to premeditated murder and other charges under a deal with military prosecutors to avoid the death penalty.

Lawmakers back rape law

U.S. lawmakers, reacting to a spate of sexual violence seen as a "cancer" in the armed forces, backed a measure Wednesday that would strip military commanders of their ability to overturn convictions for rape and other sexual assaults.

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2013 Stanley Cup Playoffs

HAWKS

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS ★ GAME 4

THE HAT TRICK

WHAT'S BUZZIN' IN THE BLACKHAWKS WORLD

THE DIGIT

1 That's how many games Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith was suspended for slashing the L.A. Kings' Jeff Carter in the face with his stick Tuesday.

THE DIGIT

20 The approximate number of stitches Carter needed on his face after Keith slashed him.

They got his good side

The Blackhawks—specifically center Marcus Kruger and his backside—are on the cover of the June 10 edition of Sports Illustrated, about which one-time cover boy Daniel Carcillo no doubt said, "What took you so long?"

BLACKHAWKS VS. LOS ANGELES

(Hawks lead series 2-1)

Game 1: Blackhawks 2, Kings 1

Game 2:

Blackhawks 4,

Kings 2

Game 3: Kings 3,

Blackhawks 1

Game 4: at Kings, 8 p.m.

Thursday, NBC Sports

Game 5: at Blackhawks, 7 p.m. Saturday, NBC

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Game 7*: at Blackhawks,

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WANT A RIVALRY? YOU GOT IT!

It's inevitable—Hawks fans are going to truly hate L.A.



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At some point in Thursday's Blackhawks-Kings game, a forecheck is going to be given with just a bit too much vigor. A skater will spray just a bit too much snow in the goalie's face. Chirping will turn into shoving, and shoving will become a brawl. And a real hockey rivalry will be born.

These teams haven't played often enough to engender the deep, dark hockey hatred that only comes from repeated exposure and repeated cheap shots. But the combination of uber-high expectations in Chicago and "Hey, aren't we the defending champs?" L.A. pride has ratcheted Hawks-Kings to near-line brawl status in just three games.

Tonight, we reach DEFCON 1.

The acrimony began with two minutes left in Game 1, when Dave Bolland laid a somewhat-questionable hit on the Kings' then-postseason leading scorer Mike Richards. Richards

looked woozy and wobbly coming off the ice, and he hasn't played since with a

mystery "upper-body injury" that's postseason-hockey code for "HIS HEAD, STUPID."

Game 2 opened with a noticeably more physical tone, and ended with Kings defender Kyle Clifford chopping at Michal Rozsival's neck like a guillotine and Corey Crawford engulfing Clifford in his pads to protect Captain Serious.

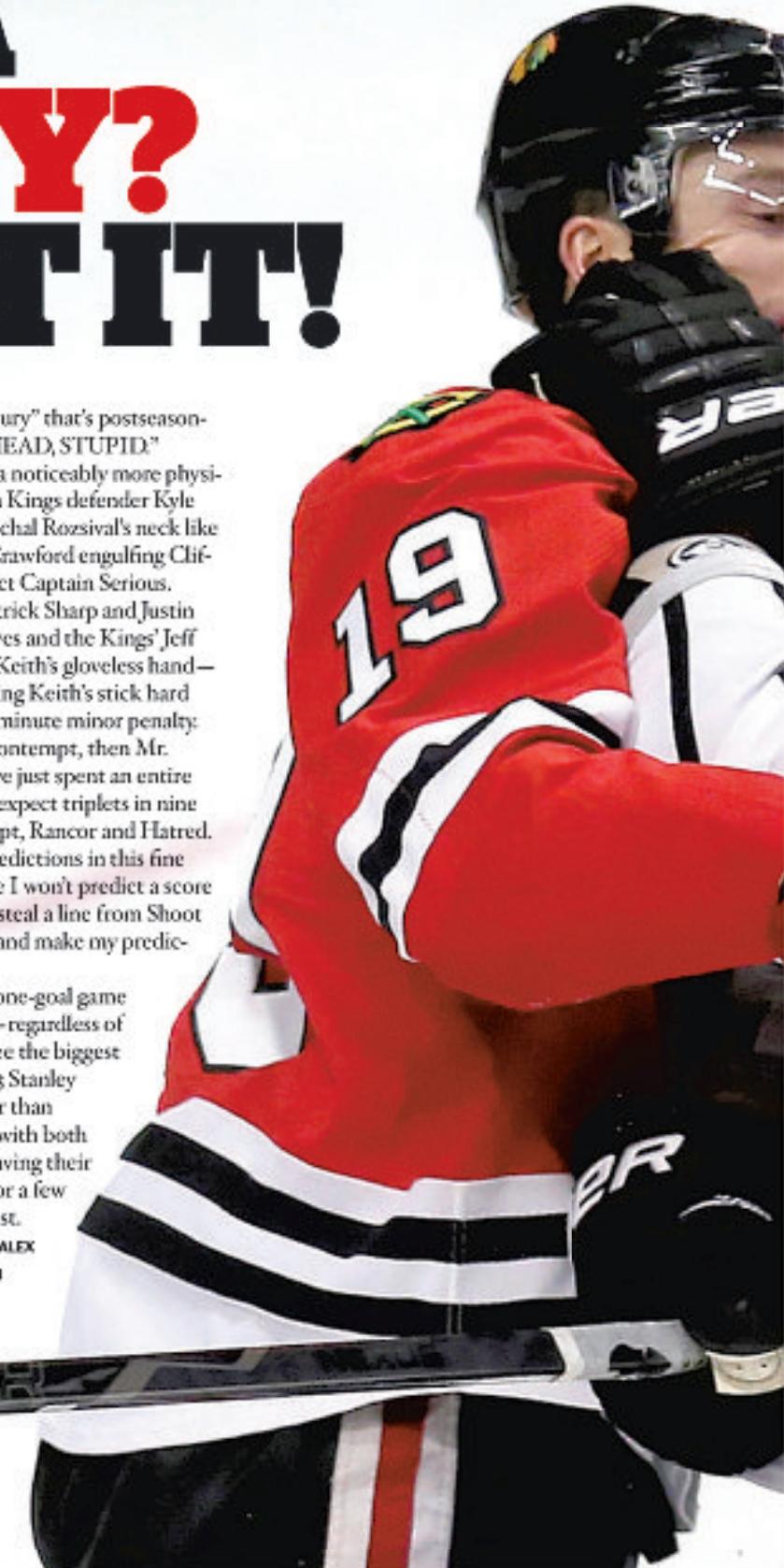
Then Tuesday saw Patrick Sharp and Justin Williams drop their gloves and the Kings' Jeff Carter slash at Duncan Keith's gloveless hand—which led to Carter hitting Keith's stick hard with his face and a four-minute minor penalty.

If familiarity breeds contempt, then Mr. and Mrs. Familiarity have just spent an entire weekend at Sybaris and expect triplets in nine months named Contempt, Rancor and Hatred.

I often make game predictions in this fine newspaper, but this time I won't predict a score for Game 4. Instead I'll steal a line from Shoot the Puck veteran Mr. T and make my prediction: pain.

If this is more than a one-goal game late in the third period—regardless of who's winning—you'll see the biggest hockey brawl of the 2013 Stanley Cup Playoffs. Yes, bigger than Montreal-Ottawa. And with both the Hawks and Kings having their core players locked up for a few years, it won't be their last.

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Jonathan Toews tussles with L.A.'s Kyle Clifford in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals Sunday. GETTYIMAGES



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Tom Cruise is a hell of a hockey fan. And in no way were we told to say this. Nope, no way whatsoever.



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1	If the Hawks win Game 4 against the Kings it doesn't prove Chicago's better than L.A., because that fact was never in dispute.	... that's one more step toward the Stanley Cup and telling the Kings to step off.	... I won't have to hear people seriously suggesting Bollig should play. Again.	... then Tom Cruise will have to be brainwashed into liking another sport.	... they will, actually. I told Jim Belushi there's a full open bar at my place. We're good.
2	Why is Tom Cruise such a big hockey fan?	Because he's like a goalie: takes a lot of shots but still delivers on a professional level.	He understands the science of it all, I suppose.	"looks over shoulder to see Church of Scientology lawyers standing there" Can't answer that—sorry!	He thinks the goalies are actually robots sent to earth from L. Ron Hubbard.	Another stupid excuse to wear another stupid leather jacket, I guess.
3	How should San Antonio defend LeBron James in the NBA Finals?	How should my least favorite West team play against my least favorite East team? Don't know, don't care.	Attack his headband like the X-Men would come at Juggernaut's neck.	They could wave their arms 5 feet away from him, and he'll still flop.	Resurrect the ritual of tossing chalk but instead use glitter dust in hopes the glare will blind him.	Decide at the Spur of the moment. #swartzpuns
4	Why did Justin Bieber attend a Heat playoff game?	To show everyone that he has officially begun his live performance piece on intentional douchebaggery.	A bunch of hotties invited him. Would the Biebz leave his fans waiting? I think not!	Being a Maple Leafs fan, he wanted to see how it felt to cheer for a winning team in the playoffs.	He thought he was performing to the "Beliebers" for the half-time show.	Cougarlife.com wasn't working so well, so he hit up Miami instead.
5	How do you get your Bears fix during the offseason?	I probably shouldn't talk about sneaking into Soldier Field. Crap, I've said too much.	My homie Lou Canelli always keeps me updated, real talk.	How could I do that when the Blackhawks are on?	Forget about the Bears and enjoy the summer knowing when it's over the Bears are your reward!	Listening to audio of Boers and Bernstein, when Bears first signed Cutler. Memories.

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SETTLING SPORTS-BASED ARGUMENTS ONE DEBATE AT A TIME

On Wednesday, another performance-enhancing drugs bombshell landed on Major League Baseball. Potential suspensions loom for stars such as Alex Rodriguez, Ryan Braun and Nelson Cruz.

This round: Do you still care about whether players use PEDs?

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Baseball, probably more so than any other sport, is about history. Baseball fans revere statistics, records and legends with near-religious devotion, and current players inspire the same awe that past greats did. Without a level playing field, these comparisons are a sham. Rules exist for a reason, and allowing some players an unfair upper hand through performance-enhancing drugs corrupts fans' trust and enthusiasm for the game. Do I sound old-fashioned? Maybe. But in a world of wooden bats and Cracker Jacks, I'm in good company.

Sports are not life and death. They are another form of entertainment in which we invest ourselves to forget that the world is an awful place. Athletes are some of the most insanely competitive individuals on the planet. While we'd like to believe our athletic heroes are morally and ethically pure, spend enough time around them and you'll realize that's not the case. The reality is there's no way to know who is cheating, because cheaters are going to figure out ways around the system. Relax and take sports for what they are—a game.

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Baseball, like any sport, is an avenue where our children learn the value of teamwork, dedication and repetition. Continuously turning a blind eye to players knowingly breaking the rules sends the wrong message to our youth. Those who just say, "legalize PEDs"? Brilliant! Let's just tell our kids that shooting yourself up with substances that will destroy your body, reduce your capacity to procreate or even kill you is the way to go as long as it helps you to be the best.

Look, I want to see Ryan Braun and Alex Rodriguez kicked out of baseball (for general douchebaggery) more than anyone. But I don't want it at the cost of progress or in violation of hard-fought collective bargaining agreements. There have been drugs in baseball for a long time and there will be drugs in baseball for decades to come. While it's nice that baseball has decided to get serious about PEDs, relying on the word of a sleazy drug dealer in a targeted witch hunt is the wrong way to go about it.

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Butt ... butt ...

Somehow, there were three sports-related stories related to what goes on in the bathroom Wednesday. Well, make that two, plus one about a famous tush.



You gotta go. Right now.

Star skier Lindsay Vonn was all set for a night of drinking and schmoozing Monday when the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency came calling. According to The Associated Press, the organization pulled her off the red carpet at the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards in New York and asked for a urine sample. They couldn't have waited a few more hours?

Swirl's up

Football star Elijah Hood is in deep you-know-what with Alabama for flushing a recruiting letter from the school down the toilet. Actually, he probably doesn't care—he's already committed to Notre Dame. And he posted a video of the flushing on Vine with the hashtag #RollToilet, which immediately went viral.

Bummed—in a good way

Pippa Middleton is now a contributing editor for Vanity Fair, and her first post is a "guide to Wimbledon." She poses jumping in a skirt and compares herself to a famous Athena poster. "This is a tennis classic with another famous bum. All the boys at school had this on their bedroom walls. I've been sent similar ones by friends over the years, including one from my grandparents—if only they'd known what was to come." Indeed.



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trending

3 steps to getting 1.2 billion views

Every "Epic Rap Battles of History" video averages 30 million views on YouTube, and many surpass 50 million. How do Lloyd Ahlquist and Peter Shukoff do it? Ahlquist broke down three elements that have helped "ERB" achieve consistent success.

1 It's a simple, repeatable idea: Much of "ERB's" long-term success comes from the fact that it's a Web series, not just a viral video. The most successful series generally start with one or two massive hits and then stick to a pattern that works. And in "ERB's" case, the pattern works because the concept is funny, open to almost endless variation and easy to understand. "It's not that hard for me to explain this idea to my dad," Ahlquist noted.

2 The audience is involved: YouTube has an active community, and "ERB" makes sure to interact with it by asking fans to vote on the winner of each matchup and to suggest new pairings. Many one-off videos that get big don't do as much to interact with their viewers.

3 High production values: When "ERB" launched, the series stood out for its attention to detail and its well-crafted videos. Although the bar for YouTube production has been raised as the format has grown in popularity in recent years—simply using a nice camera is no longer enough to draw viewers in—"ERB" continues to keep people's attention by taking the time to get each video just right, throwing out entire battles if necessary. K.K.



Peter Shukoff (left) and Lloyd Ahlquist
LOS ANGELES TIMES FILE

New *twist* on battle rap

Creators of YouTube sensation 'Epic Rap Battles of History' met while freestyling in Chicago

By Kyle Kramer

FOR REDEYE

As two of YouTube's most successful rappers—their "Epic Rap Battles of History" channel has more than 1.2 billion total video views and almost 5.4 million subscribers—Nice Peter and EpicLLOYD (Peter Shukoff and Lloyd Ahlquist to the historical record) met while freestyle rapping. Except it wasn't at some park bench or open mic event; it was during a party at Ahlquist's house in Chicago, where both had moved to pursue improv comedy.

Shukoff, who also performed musical comedy around the city, eventually joined the group Ahlquist had been in since college, Mission Improvable, and both spent several years touring and performing at local theaters such as iO. Eventually they each moved to Los Angeles, where Ahlquist helped run a comedy theater and Shukoff started making YouTube comedy videos with production company Maker Studios.

"Epic Rap Battles of History" (youtube.com/ERB) emerged out of an improv game the two—who cite rappers like Pharoahe Monch, Wu-Tang Clan and Jurassic 5's Chali 2na as influences—were planning to perform at a live show. The pair's second video, an imagined showdown between Darth Vader and Hitler, went viral and grabbed attention from around the world.

Since then, the "ERB" duo has created two seasons of videos featuring more than 30 duels between pairings that range from topical ("Barack Obama vs. Mitt Romney," "Justin Bieber vs. Beethoven") to fictional ("Gandalf vs. Dumbledore," "Batman vs. Sherlock Holmes") to slightly absurd ("Genghis Khan vs. Easter Bunny").

"ERB" recently was featured in the May 19 "Big Live Comedy Show," which kicked off YouTube's Comedy Week, performing "Mozart vs. Skrillex." The performance included a special guest appearance by Skrillex, reviving his cameo from the original video.

And they still have thousands of years of history left to cover. We hear Socrates could be in the mix soon, so stay tuned for Season 3. RedEye caught up with the duo over the phone from L.A. to talk about their early years in Chicago, professional wrestling and

5 EPIC 'EPIC RAP BATTLES' TO WATCH These five "Epic Rap Battles of History" are must-sees. **K.K.**



DARTH VADER VS. HITLER

Pure evil clashed to make "ERB's" first big hit—so popular they did a second edition in Season 2.

Key lyric: Hitler: "I am Adolf Hitler, Commander of the Third Reich/Little known fact: also dope on the mic"



BARACK OBAMA VS. MITT ROMNEY

There are probably people who chose whom to vote for based on this video. Just saying.

Key lyric: Romney: "Call me a vicious businessman because I'm stealing this race/I'll go Bain Capital on your donkey ass: restructure your face"



MOSES VS. SANTA CLAUS

Snoop Dogg as Moses? The 11th Commandizzle says you should watch.

Key lyric: Moses: "So much drama in the Israe-L.B.C./It's kinda hard talking directly to the G-O-single D"



MOZART VS. SKRILLEK

Skrillex himself dropped by for a live performance of this essential musical debate during YouTube Comedy Week.

Key lyric: Mozart: "Oh yes I've heard that EP and I've transcribed it here/Tell me what comes after the 68th measure of diarrhea?"



DR. SEUSS VS. SHAKESPEARE

Two of literature's greatest rhymers pit iambic pentameter against the Cat in the Hat.

Key lyric: Shakespeare: "I'll put a slug between your shoulder blades/ Then ask 'what light through yonder poser breaks?'"

trans-dimensional partying.

A lot of your matchups are not necessarily traditional historical pairings. How do you guys come up with the pairings?

Peter Shukoff: There's like this A-list party of historical characters, both fictional and non-fictional. You've got to be pretty cool to get into this party. There's a guy at the door checking.

Lloyd Ahlquist: The characters don't have to be from history, but the characters just have to have an impact on history, whether that's pop culture or not. So, 50 years from now, are people still going to remember "Harry Potter"? Are they going to still remember "The Hobbit"? Our thought is yes, and that makes them sort of qualified. Even people will be like, "Well, Justin Bieber's super poppy, Lady Gaga's super poppy"—yeah they're poppy, but in 50 years you're still going to remember Justin Bieber, you're still going to remember Lady Gaga.

PS: They're cool enough to get into the trans-dimensional party.

Do you pick favorites?

LA: Sure. We try our best to make it so there's no clear winner, but there [are] certain matchups where there's kind of a good guy and a heel. It's almost like a professional

wrestling match. There's a hero, and there's kind of a villain. The villain's going to get some good knocks in, but the hero's going to come away looking good.

One thing a lot of rappers have is a neck chain that kind of says something about them. If you guys had chains, what would they be?

LA: We have had a series of chains for some of our characters. When we did Sarah Palin she was wearing a diamond-crusted elephant. When we did Santa Claus, he was wearing a jewel-and-gold-studded chocolate chip cookie. Snoop Dogg as Moses was wearing a platinum-encrusted Star of David.

PS: If I had one personally, it would probably be a pair of green and yellow sunglasses because that kind of accidentally became my trademark in YouTube videos. ... I still have the same \$5 pair that I got at the beach.

Hip-hop fans can be pretty judgmental. Do you ever get any criticism from the hip-hop community about what you're doing as comedians?

LA: We've been lucky enough to have the hip-hop blogs and the forum boards, they like it. I think when we first came into the rap battles a big goal of ours was [that] we want to make funny rap songs, but we don't

want to parody rap. We don't want to make parodies of rap battles—we want to make actual rap battles.

We don't approach the music from a funny standpoint of "let's see how weird and kooky we can make rap sound." We just try to make good punch lines. If you watch a regular rap battle, they're funny. The rap lines are funny. We just applied that to characters from history. I haven't experienced too much of that hate, which is awesome.

PS: I haven't either, and I think it's [because] we really committed ourselves to taking the musical element really seriously.

Do you guys have any favorite Chicago stuff that you miss or always check out when you're back?

PS: I miss the train, man. I had a song back in the day about the Red Line train that I used to play all over town. I just miss that romantic—I just miss the trains. I love riding on the "L." I love Roscoe Village.

LA: I miss the improv scene there. We do improv out here. The Mission Improvable guys, we have a theater out here, and it all sort of stems from that Improv Olympic community out there. I make sure I always go there ... when I'm ever in Chicago, I always go there and grab a PBR and just watch a show.

KYLE KRAMER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

From Chicago singer to Internet star

By Riley Blevins

REDEYE

Chicago-area native and YouTube sensation Hailey Rowe has never walked into a bar and looked across the room to find her boyfriend wearing a pink birthday sash, tangled in a swarm of square-jawed dudes, sipping a chocotini and swaying to the timeless tunes of Britney Spears.

No, like most of the 19-year-old's songs, "My Boyfriend is Gay" was thought up one overcast afternoon.

Rowe has written countless others just like it, but this fictional scenario is different: This one struck Internet gold. The video drew nearly 25,000 views overnight when it was released Feb. 1.

It eventually reached more than 163,000 views, but more importantly, the playful tune caught the attention of Pop Rocks Productions, the Grammy Award-winning producers behind the Fun. album "We Are Young."

The soon-to-be sophomore at Loyola Marymount University in L.A. and aspiring

singer/songwriter is working with the production company to write a new song and video.

Rowe said her newest song is more representative of her usual musical style, which walks the line between country and pop. Rowe said the still-untitled song won't be quite as edgy.

"[‘My Boyfriend is Gay’] is my most risqué project, I think that’s safe to say," Rowe said with a chuckle. "The new song is just a normal relationship song, which is also kinda funny because I have no relationship currently."

The 2012 Barrington High School grad said she was shocked at the success of the video, which features many of her classmates, friends and a few reality TV stars, such as J.D. Odonez, the former face of MTV's "The Real World Brooklyn."

While Rowe said she has never been recognized on the streets as the sparkly-purple dress-wearing singer in the hit video, she recently was informed that "My Boyfriend is Gay" will be aired on the radio in San Francisco, Palm Springs, Calif., and Las Vegas.

The song even cracked All Access's "Top 40 Cool New Music."

Currently, Rowe is working on a charity video with several other Chicago musicians to raise awareness about gun violence honoring the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting.

But as Rowe likes to joke, the highlight in the video's rise to Internet fame came when two stars from the TV show "Real Housewives of Orange County" shared the video on their Facebook pages, which is appropriate given the song's lyric: "My boyfriend is gay. Should've known by the way he Ti-Vo-ed every episode of ‘RHOC.’"

"It's been so fun. It has all just been so great," Rowe said. "My goal is to be able to be a full-time singer-songwriter and to be able to share positive music with people. That's about it. I don't want to do anything else."

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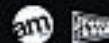


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What it is: A stackable tube of four pre-filled stemless wine glasses.

Varieties: Available in cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, pinot grigio and Charisma (a red wine blend).

The packaging: Unzip the wrapper, pop off one glass, peel back the foil and you have a hard plastic glass of wine that looks almost classy enough to serve at a dinner party. The pre-poured, 6.3-ounce cups made it easy to keep track of how much I drank, and I could even re-seal the cup with its plastic lid so it wouldn't spill on my picnic blanket.

The wine: Between the pinot grigio and Charisma, I preferred the pinot grigio, though the red wine varieties have the bonus of not requiring chilling.

Verdict: I definitely would buy these for a picnic, beach trip or even a barbecue if I didn't feel like washing glasses afterward.



Wine with wheels

Sizing up four vino-to-go packs for summer picnics

By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

During the summer, I like to be ready for all sorts of spontaneous weekend hangouts. I wear biking-appropriate footwear, always pack an umbrella, and—humble brag—I'm sort of a master of transporting booze to Millennium Park's Downtown Sound concerts. Normally, beer growlers or six-packs are my go-to, but recently, portable wine packages have caught my eye. They're glass-free, so there's no need to worry about them breaking in my purse or backpack, and since they don't require a corkscrew, they're easy to bring to parties and picnics. I tested out four diverse options for vino on the go, any of which are way more acceptable than a Nalgene full of vodka. KBERNOT@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYEATDRINK](http://REDEYEATDRINK)

VOLERE WINES

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What it is: A cardboard purse-shaped box that contains a 1.5-liter bag of wine inside.

Varieties: Pinot grigio, merlot-pinot noir blend and rose.

The packaging: This is basically box wine with a piece of rope attached; punch out the side panel to reveal a spout from which the wine is dispensed. If they made this in Louis Vuitton print, Lucille Bluth would be all over it.

The wine: The pinot grigio was of the quality I'd expect from a box of wine. It wasn't anything to rave about, but on a hot summer evening at a lakeside grilling party, none of my friends complained.

Verdict: I felt as though I had to make excuses for buying the wine purse—"It's for a bachelorette party, I swear!"—but if you can purchase and serve this with a straight face, more power to you.

WINE CUBE

\$5.99 at Target locations

What it is: A twist-cap carton equal to three glasses of wine.

Varieties: Moscato, chardonnay, pinot grigio and cabernet sauvignon.

The packaging: These juicebox-like packages are lightweight but sturdy. I stuck this in my bag for a whole afternoon and it stayed intact.

The wine: The moscato variety was way too sweet for my taste, but if you tend to like fruitier wines, it might be for you. I'd stick with the not-too-oaky chardonnay for summer picnics.

Verdict: Plenty of wineries have similar packaging. Is this the absolute best option out there? Maybe not, but knowing that you can pop into any Target—especially the City Target near Millennium Park—and find these makes it a convenient summertime fallback.

SOFIA MINI BLANC DE BLANCS

\$14.99 for a 4-pack at Binny's locations

What It Is: A cardboard cube containing four 6.3-ounce cans of champagne from Francis Ford Coppola winery. Each is about the size of a small energy drink can and comes with its own straw.

Varieties: Blanc de blancs

The packaging: Yes, these little pink cans are rather feminine and elicited a few "awwww's from my friends. It's smart packaging, too—the cans keep the bubbles fresh longer than an open bottle.

The wine: Sofia's blanc de blancs is a blend of pinot blanc, riesling and muscat grapes. This is quality stuff, not a generic "sparkling wine" that could be overly sweet. Crisp and refreshing, I would sip this at a picnic or on the beach any day.

Verdict: While the daintiness of the packaging might turn off some manly dudes, I'm really into these.




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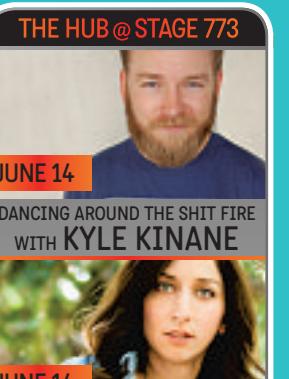
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What kind of music do you make? Pop music. I play the piano and sing.

Who is making the coolest music right now?

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Markeyla Henton

22, editor of Against the Stream magazine

What brings you out tonight? I'm here with my best friend.

What are you drinking and why? I'm a rum and Coke kind of girl. I love rum. It's sweet. It gets to the point. And it gets you drunk. It's just great.

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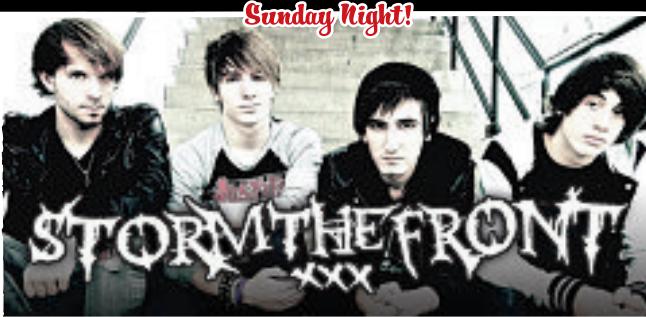


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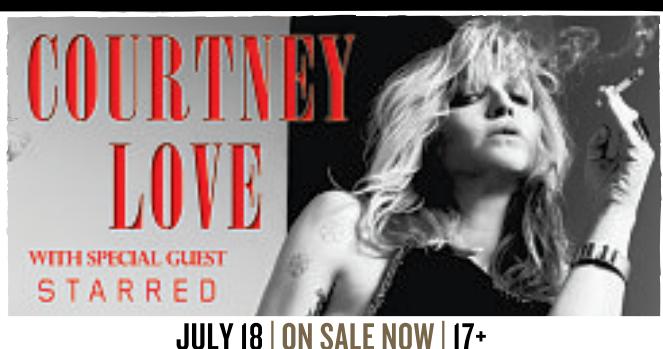


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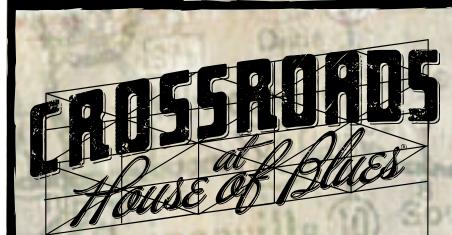
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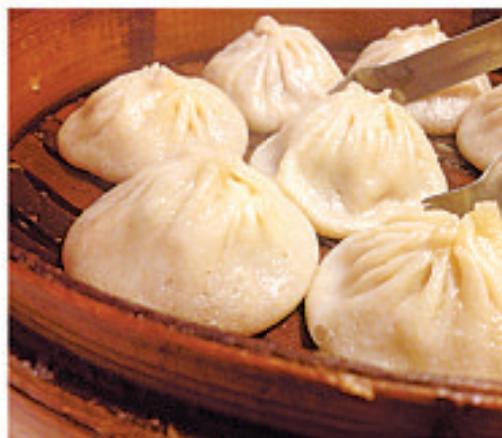
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If you're curious about chef Carrie Nahabedian's spendy new restaurant Brindille but aren't ready to commit to dinner, don't discount the bar. You'll still benefit from the killer cocktails and quick wit of bar director Steve Carrow. When I told him I typically drink Old Fashioneds, he recommended the vieux carré (\$14), a classic cocktail with Templeton rye, cognac, French herbal liqueur Benedictine and a stately chunk of ice that he chips by hand from a block behind the bar. A few sips were all I needed to declare it my new favorite. —LISA ARNETT



Chevap sandwich (\$5.99) at City Fresh Market 137 N. Clinton St. 312-575-0230

Ever tried Serbian food? The cevapcici sandwich (nicknamed "The Chevap") at City Fresh Market inside the Chicago French Market is a good place to start. Almost everything on this sandwich is house-made at the City Fresh's Devon location: the grilled pork and lamb sausages, the generous slather of roasted red pepper relish, the butter and parmesan spread, and the crisp, airy, perfectly chewy "rock" bread holding it all together. It's available Tuesdays and Thursdays. —ELITE TRUONG



Shanghai-style pork dumplings at Potsticker House (\$6.75 for 8) 3139 S. Halsted 312-326-6898

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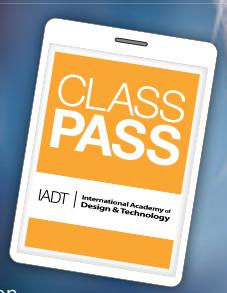
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Summer music festivals are amazing events for good times and good tunes. Plenty of major fests remain on the 2013 schedule: Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza, Pitchfork and more. But whatever size the festival, you'll need to be prepared for anything. These mobile apps keep smartphones fully outfitted.



Bandsintown Concerts

Free for iOS, Android

Bandsintown Concerts is a fantastic starting point for learning about which bands are barreling through your town or the nearest major metropolis. After the app pinpoints your location, you can sync your social media and music accounts at Facebook, Rdio, Spotify (for premium subscribers), Pandora and/or Last.fm. After compiling your various accounts, Bandsintown recommends shows based on your listening habits and pre-existing music preferences. You can also track specific bands and manage your concert RSVPs by syncing with your calendar.



WaterIn Free for iOS

Unfortunately, WaterIn is only available on iOS devices. Fortunately, those who rock at festivals with their iPhones can download this beneficial and refreshing app. Since many events occur during the summer at parks and outdoor venues, staying hydrated is important. WaterIn keeps track of your intake by the glass or bottle, making sure you drink eight glasses per day.



Hype Machine \$3.99 for iOS

Available only for iOS (though it has a near-identical Android counterpart in UberHype for Hype Machine), this app is most useful for more astute festival attendees during their band-research phase. Hype Machine goes the extra mile by aggregating MP3s of the most talked about music from top-tier music blogs. The song tracks are organized into playlists, and you can "favorite" ones that you fall for in the My Tracks section.



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What is your dog doing right now? Is he taking a nap? Furiously digging a hole in your garden? Watching "Ellen" and nibbling on a throw pillow?

For people with jobs away from home, eight hours can seem like a long time to be separated from a beloved pet. Now, a new crop of wearable trackers can give curious or concerned owners real-time information about what their dog is doing.

That data can then be collected over time to learn more about a pet's habits and even spot early signs of health troubles that humans might miss.

San Francisco company Whistle launched its first product Wednesday: a \$100 wearable activity tracker that attaches to a dog's collar.

The trackers are small, brushed-metallic discs, just light enough for any dog over seven pounds to ignore while he goes about his usual daytime activities, blissfully unaware he's living in a surveillance state.

"We would love to be able to help these

dogs live longer lives," Whistle co-founder and CEO Ben Jacobs said. "The No. 1 indicator of a dog's health is its own activity compared to its base line."

The tracker uses an accelerometer to determine if a dog is resting, playing or sleeping. That data is synced using Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, and the owner can see it all on a smartphone app.

It's not always obvious when a pet is sick, and the first signs might be subtle changes in energy or behavior. The app will monitor for changes and also make light suggestions, such as saying it's time for a walk.

"We'll give playful hints, but we never want to judge a pet parent, just like you never want to judge a child's parent," Jacobs said.

If they take off, pet trackers might be able to make a dent in the problem of pet obesity. More than half of dogs and cats in the U.S. reportedly are overweight.

The data isn't just for the owners. The Whistle app has a view that shows patterns over time that vets can use to help diagnose dogs. The data is also anonymized (dogs



Whistle CEO Ben Jacobs

need their privacy, too) and collected in an aggregate database shared with veterinary researchers at institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania.

Whistle already has 20 employees and has raised \$6 million in funding from Silicon Valley venture capital firms for its pet tech.

That number might seem shocking until you consider that pets are big money in the U.S., where there are slightly more dogs than children. People reportedly spent more than \$50 billion on their pets in 2012, including purchasing animals, feeding them, and paying for veterinary care and pet accessories.

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Blake Shelton
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Blake Shelton on the attack

TheWrap

A "Voice" coach's penchant for calling it as he sees it once again has generated controversy.

A week after Adam Levine grabbed headlines by blurting out "I hate this country" on the NBC singing competition, Blake Shelton has found himself in a no-doubt unwanted spotlight after going off on a music critic via Twitter.

Shelton hurled industrial-size portions of vitriol at Houston Chronicle music critic Joey Guerra on Tuesday night, after Guerra wrote about contestant Holly Tucker's departure in less-than-kind words.

"OH. Holly Tucker is gone. It took much too long," Guerra wrote in his recap of Tuesday night's episode.

"But finally. Back to Baylor University in Waco for you, madam."

That was enough to make Shelton engage in a flurry of what would no doubt be called fightin' words in Shelton's neck of the woods.

"It's people like you @joeyguerra that make me sick... Holly is not only a talented singer but a great person that's simply chas-

ing a dream," Shelton wrote. "How about you @joeyguerra grow some balls and come tell me to my face how terrible some of these kids are face to face..." Shelton asked of the critic. "You won't. Ever."

And, "You @joeyguerra are a chicken [bleep]. I can't stand a person that makes a point to write hurtful things about kids just trying their best."

And lest Guerra forget just what variety of farmhouse excrement Shelton believes him to be, the country singer reiterated, "How much do y'all wanna bet he'd NEVER criticize my team OR me like that face to face.... Chicken [bleep]."

Shelton later apologized to his 3 million Twitter followers—but notably, not to Guerra—in a tweet explaining that he's "passionate" about nurturing young talent.

"I'm sorry for going off y'all..." Shelton wrote. "But I am passionate about encouraging young people to follow their dreams.. We GOOD people don't need hate."

Except, apparently, when it comes to hating poison-penned music critics.

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Daniel Sunjata finds new challenge on 'Graceland'



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I'm a fantastic surfer. I'm an awesome surfer as Paul Briggs," the Evanston native said during a recent phone conversation.

In USA Network's new crime drama, Sunjata stars as enigmatic FBI agent and "fantastic surfer" Paul Briggs, the alpha male in a California beach house where six undercover FBI, DEA and Customs agents live incognito and base their investigations.

"Graceland" star Daniel Sunjata decided to become an actor partly because he would get to experience different challenges on the job. At the time he may not have been thinking he'd have to surf.

"My surfing? As Daniel, not so great. As Briggs,

Sunjata shows Briggs' surfing prowess in Thursday's 9 p.m. premiere, as the senior FBI agent and fellow agent Johnny (Manny Montana) take newbie Mike Warren (Aaron Tveit) to catch some waves.

Although the scene looks great (thanks to a double who did his more difficult maneuvers), Sunjata didn't have an easy time on the water, as southern California native and avid surfer Montana explained in a separate interview.

"We're doing the scene and then we take a small little break and Daniel is like, 'Hey guys, just give me five minutes,' and he paddles away. ... I looked over and I see Daniel just throwing up, just throwing up like crazy," he said.

Sunjata, 41, says he'd never even held a surfboard prior to filming the pilot. Growing up in Beverly, he didn't have any opportunities to surf. "We don't have very vicious waves rolling off of Lake Michigan," he joked.

But he did play football for Mount Carmel, where as a linebacker known as

Daniel Sunjata Condon he was part of two state championship teams.

Sunjata's interest in acting also began in Chicago. His family made a tradition of attending Goodman Theatre's annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

"I do remember as a youngster seeing Tiny Tim up on stage and realizing, 'Wow, kids can be actors, too. That would be kind of cool. I'd love to do that,'" he said.

Sunjata, who played Franco Rivera on "Rescue Me," has found another meaty role on "Graceland," which comes from "White Collar" creator Jeff Eastin but is much darker than that series. Once he read the script, Sunjata couldn't wait to play the "incredibly complex" Briggs, who isn't quite what he seems at the beginning of the series.

"He's unlike any character I've ever played before," Sunjata said. "I've played law enforcement-type guys before but never somebody exactly like Paul, and definitely nobody as textured and multidimensional as Paul."



Daniel Sunjata on 'Graceland'

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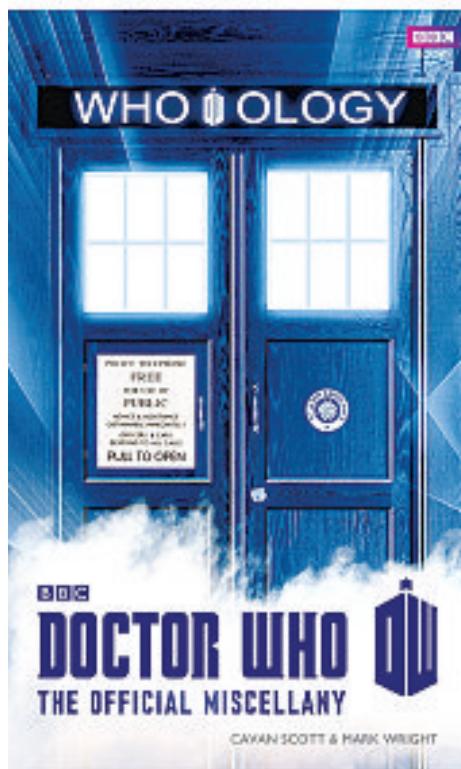
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Who needs all these books? 'Doctor Who' fans



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Obsessive "Doctor Who" fans, your wish has been fulfilled.

In honor of the golden anniversary of the show's first broadcast comes a new volume from BBC Books, "Who-ology: The Official Doctor Who Miscellany" by Cavan Scott and Mark Wright.

The BBC TV series "Doctor Who" started on Nov. 23, 1963, with the venerable William Hartnell as the first Doctor. It currently airs on BBC America in the U.S.

The Doctor, an alien with two hearts, regenerates into a new body when the show needs a new actor in the part. Over 50 years, there have been 11 Doctors, numerous assistants and visits to a fantastic number of planets and time periods, both in the past and in potential futures. The latest Doctor, Matt Smith, has just announced he will leave after the 2013 Christmas Special, so the search is on for the 12th Doctor.

"Who-ology" covers all the current ones. The chronology goes through the Doctors in exhaustive detail, down in such details as the



music used in various episodes. Incredibly, the only thing it neglects to include is an index.

Need a gateway book into the world of science fiction for a young fan who enjoys "Doctor Who"? The BBC also has delved into its archives for the printed word.

It has reprinted 11 novels, one for each Doctor. Of note with these books is that they reflect the time of the Doctor (sometime in the last 50 years), and the period when the writers were active.

For example, Stephen Cole wrote "Ten Little Aliens" in 2001, starting his writing in September 2001. The plot was formulated earlier when he was an editor of a "partwork magazine" dedicated to Agatha Christie. Thus, as

he explains in his introduction, the pitch was "Starship Troopers" [Heinlein] meets Agatha Christie." He ended up using the First Doctor, played by Hartnell.

Hartnell's elderly Doctor is much more physically fragile than, say, Jon Pertwee's younger and more robust Third Doctor, who stars in the "Last of the Gaderene," originally written by Mark Gatiss in 2000. Here, the Doctor nearly gets minced by a large fan—something that the First Doctor never would have survived.

Finally, for the devoted fan there is "Summer Falls," a young adult novel written by Amelia Williams. Doctor Who devotees know that is the married name of Amy Pond, a companion of the Eleventh Doctor, Matt Smith. The Ponds, wife and husband, were lost to one of the Doctor's great enemies, the Weeping Angels.

But in the latest season, one of the characters is reading "Summer Falls."

Despite the incestuous intertwining of different aspects of the TV series, "Summer Falls" is an entertaining fantasy novel with a female protagonist, a talking cat and an exciting finale.

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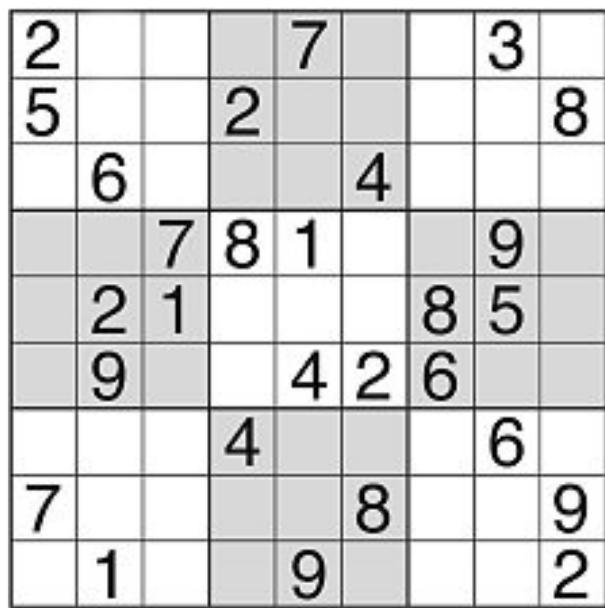
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1966: Black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

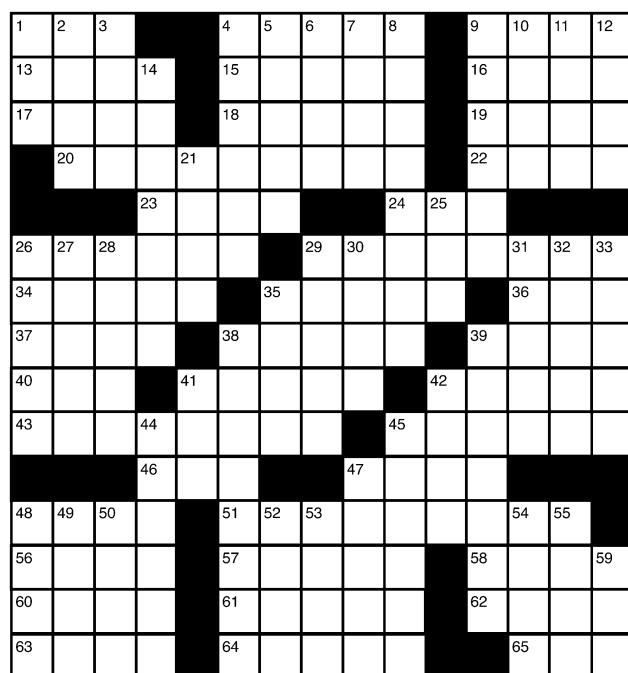
2004: Phylicia Rashad, who starred in a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun," became the first black actress to win a Tony Award for a leading dramatic role.

ACROSS

1 TV's _ Leno
 4 "Jack _ could eat no fat..."
 9 Punch
 13 Cool _ heels; wait
 15 Statement of religious beliefs
 16 Bangkok native
 17 Green-winged _; colorful duck
 18 Of the kidneys
 19 Curved edges
 20 Good for you
 22 Klutz's word
 23 Female hogs
 24 Hightailed it
 26 Walk with a flourish
 29 Boaster
 34 UFO pilot
 35 Dried plum
 36 _ eye to eye; agree
 37 Tie up
 38 Cut of beef
 39 Make a tiny cut
 40 Eden woman
 41 Eagle's nest
 42 _ of the crime; murder locale
 43 Compensated
 45 Rough-textured
 46 Twelfth month: abbr.
 47 Boldness
 48 Spanish romantic artist
 51 Insulting
 56 Full of interest
 57 Steve or Gracie
 58 Orderly
 60 Egg on
 61 Josh with
 62 Celebration
 63 Luau garlands
 64 Some woodwinds
 65 John Boehner's title

DOWN

1 _ down; note
 2 Turn over _ leaf; reform
 3 Slangy reply
 4 Absurd
 5 Push hard on



6 City in Nevada
 7 Actor Sandler
 8 Long-suffering
 9 Mighty
 10 Columbus, _
 11 Sleep outdoors
 12 Bit of Hershey's chocolate
 14 Walked through water
 21 Money lent
 25 Years lived
 26 Cavalry sword
 27 Still breathing
 28 Tendon
 29 Interweave
 30 Wily trick
 31 Actor Edward
 32 Harness straps
 33 Cone-shaped home
 35 Tiny skin opening
 38 British soldiers in the American Revolution
 39 Climbing
 41 "Roses _ red, violets..."
 42 Convinced
 44 Sayings
 45 Film festival site
 47 Honking birds
 48 Ancient region that included France
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 54 Close by
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Aubrey Plaza's actual age.



FOUR

Number of school activities the virginal Brandy participates in. Oh, she's also valedictorian.

2

Number of F-bombs in the trailer, including a brilliant line from Donald Glover.



1993

The year the movie takes place. This also means Donald Glover is wearing amazing yellow overalls.



2

Number of "Friday Night Lights" alumni in the movie. Connie Britton (Tami Taylor) stars as Brandy's mom, and Scott Porter (Jason Street) as Brandy's very '90s-haired love interest.

3

Sexual terms Brandy doesn't understand—and those are just the ones in the trailer. If she doesn't know what a pearl necklace is, we've got a lot of work to do.



EIGHT

Number of scrunchies spotted. But oh-so-many more must be hidden.

CHECK IT OFF

IS 'THE TO-DO LIST' THE RAUNCHIEST COMEDY OF THE SUMMER?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Stand aside, "Hangover Part III." There's a new raunchfest in town—and it's wearing a saggy bikini. The red band trailer for "The To-Do List," starring Aubrey Plaza as Brandy, a way-inexperienced high school senior, hit the Interwebs this week, and it just may end up being our guilty pleasure of the summer. We broke it down for you by the numbers, in case you work in one of those way-lame places where they filter your Web browsing. "The To-Do List" hits theaters July 26. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYE_DANA](#)



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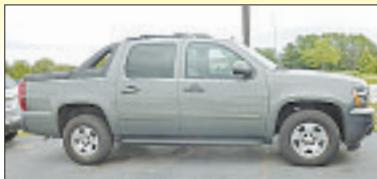
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It's New York no more for Kanye West.



Kanye West
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The daddy-to-be moved out of his apartment there this week and has put it on the market for \$4.5 million, huffingtonpost.com reports. Curbed New York has the photos, which reveal the apartment's clear Lucite piano, sweeping views, a huge bottle of champagne, a wet bar and two walk-in closets. Can we get the Chicago discount?

Who's on 'Top'?

Are we REALLY at Season 5 of "Top Chef Masters" already? Seems like just yesterday that Chicago's Rick Bayless was taking home the first title. The new season is set to premiere July 24, grubstreet.com reports, and will feature Chicago's David Burke as well as former "Top Chef" contestant Brian Voltaggio, whom you may remember as the less-hot Voltaggio.

It begins

Don't worry, guys, Mariah Carey's been missing you too. She tweeted Wednesday that her new album will be titled "The New Era Begins" and is set for a July 23 release. This era also involves her no longer being on "American Idol," and probably doesn't involve her changing genres to grunge.

A wedding too?

Jennifer Love Hewitt isn't just pregnant. A day after announcing she is with child, the "Client List" star said Wednesday that she is engaged to co-star Brian Hallisay. This will be the first child for Love Hewitt and Hallisay, who have been dating for a little more than a year.



Michelle Williams and Dustin Yellin

Guess Michelle wanted someone closer to home after all. After splitting from Jason Segel, who lives in L.A., the actress was spotted after the Met ball and at a kids' birthday party with artist Dustin Yellin. The two live in the same Brooklyn neighborhood, according to eonline.com.

“On a plane, nobody can hear you fart.”

—James Franco, to Rolling Stone, during an interview for "This is the End." Apparently farting also is a skill that helps prepare you for the apocalypse.